

REMARKS**Claims Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 and § 102(e)**

Claim 1 is cancelled by this amendment. According to the Office Action, Claim 2 is allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this amendment, Claim 2 is rewritten in independent form in the manner suggested by the Office Action and is now allowable.

Claims 3-23 are either directly or indirectly dependent on allowable Claim 2. Thus Claims 3-23 are allowable. Hence, the rejection of Claims 3-34 should be withdrawn.

Claim 24 is amended to be the computer-readable version of amended Claim 2 and thus is allowable for the same reasons as for Claim 2. Hence, the rejection of Claim 24 should be withdrawn. Claims 25-45 are amended to depend on allowable Claim 24. Thus, Claims 25-45 are allowable.

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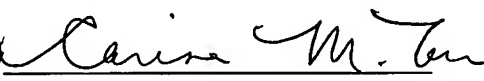
Claim 25 has been amended to be dependent upon Claim 24. Hence, the rejection of Claims 25-45 should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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